



### Introductory Comments

The applicant, Collagen II Nutrition, Inc., attempted to file an amendment to their previously filed patent application, Serial No. 09/768, 141, on January 16, 2003. By letter mailed June 16, 2003, Patent Examiner Laurie Mayes refused to enter the amendment because it was not signed by the applicant.

The applicant has since retained the Levin Intellectual Property Group as counsel. The applicant no longer wishes to enter the original amendment, but instead wishes to enter the enclosed amendment to the application. Pursuant to a telephone conversation with Examiner Christopher Low on August 18, 2003, with counsel, the Examiner suggested that the following directions be given:

1. That the original amendment to the application not be entered;
2. That the enclosed amendment to the application be entered instead.

Accordingly, counsel has prepared the following amendments to the claims of the application. At this time, the specification is not being amended.